

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

**J.P. and S.P. (Foster Parents),**  
Appellants,

v.

**State of Alaska, DHSS, OCS, G.C.**  
**(Mother), W.F. (Father), J.F. (Child),**  
**and Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak,**  
Appellees.

Trial Court Case No. **3AN-17-00032CN**

Supreme Court No. **S-18107**

## Order

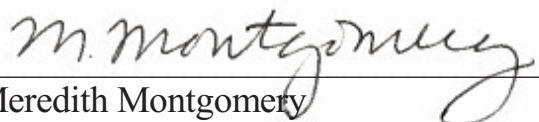
Date of Order: **7/09/2021**

On 6/11/2021, J.P. and S.P., foster parents in the proceeding below, filed documents in the Appellate Clerk's Office initiating an appeal, along with an emergency motion to stay a trial court order transferring jurisdiction to tribal court. A second emergency motion to stay was filed on 6/16/2021. Both motions were summarily denied (on 6/11/2021 and 6/18/2021, respectively), and on 7/09/2021 the full court entered an order explaining its reasoning for the denials of the requests for stay.

In light of the explanatory order, the foster parents are invited to file a memorandum-style brief no longer than 10 pages addressing (1) whether they were parties below and may maintain an appeal and, if so, (2) whether the public interest exception to the mootness doctrine applies. This brief is due on or before **7/19/2021**. Appellees may file a response within 10 days of the foster parents' filing.

Entered at the direction of an individual justice.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

  
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